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To the PUBLIC.

ON reading the title to the following pages, prejudices will naturally arise against the Editor, who, it will be concluded, must possess very base principles; first, to have artfully drawn from the respectable characters referred to, a knowledge of the speeches which they have received for utterance on the opening of the approaching campaign; and then basely to have betrayed that confidence reposed in him, by immediately developing their contents,
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and thereby depriving the actors of that merit and applause 'tis probable they would have acquired, had they been first, *viva voce*, delivered. To reflections of this nature suffice it to reply, that he claims to be possessed of a super-natural power of scrutinizing into and revising the hearts and intentions of mankind, and other *arcana*, which, when he shall find a proper opportunity of revealing, may render infinite service to his king and country. It may furthermore be said in his excuse, that being sensible of the natural curiosity of his countrymen, and that neither the corpulency of the elder part of them, or the skeleton frames of our modern Macaronies,

ronies, will prevent the endangering their lives to have the satisfaction of hearing *their country is ruined*, he is induced to administer to them that compassion they would otherwise refuse themselves; and would think himself much less excuseable (supposing his intelligence to have been gained by the means first alluded to) in having secreted from mankind, what a knowledge of, obtained by a personal attendance, might have produced the fracture of several very valuable members, than in having betrayed a confidence reposed in him by individuals only. Waving therefore any further exordium, other than assuring them, that as he is warranted

warranted by precedent, and as their personal safety and interest was the sole inducement, he relies on their candor to support,

Their very obedient servant,

At command,

The EDITOR.

ANTICIPATION, &c.

Thursday, 25th day of November, 1779.

THE L—ds being assembled, his
M-j---y seated on the T——e, and
the Sp——r of the H---e of C-m---s,
with his usual train of attendants, ushered in
by S-r Fr---s M——x, gentleman usher
of the Black Rod, and making the proper
progressive congees, &c. being arrived at the
Bar, his M-j---y opened the Session with the
following most gracious S---h from the
T——e; and which we cannot help re-
marking, was delivered with that volubility
of expression, rarely to be heard in *extempore*
eloquence. We have great satisfaction in
being able to give it verbatim to our readers,

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having procured an authentic copy through the channel of very great interest with the deputy shoe-black in ordinary to his M-j---y, who assured us it was the only perquisite he enjoyed, notwithstanding his near connection with the Court, viz.

My L——s and GENTLEMEN,

K—g's
Sp—h. I Acquainted you, at the close of the last session of p-r---m--t, that I was making the necessary preparations for carrying on with vigor and effect the just war in which I am engaged by the treachery, deceit, malice and envy, as well of the common enemy of this country, as of their most unnatural allies, my rebellious subjects * in North-America. For this purpose, strong fleets have been got ready, and my land forces have been increased, the success of which, I am happy in saying, has exceeded my expectations.

The enemy, having already felt some effects of our resentment, will, I assure myself, soon be rendered incapable of defending themselves against the spirited efforts of the British

* His M—j——y stammered.

nation ;

nation ; and if any other power, agreeable to some late extraordinary proceedings, should interpose, and lend their assistance to my declared enemies, the honor of my crown, and the interest of my people, will call upon me to use every means in my power to repel any insults, and to frustrate any designs formed against us, in violation of the faith of treaties.

It is my peculiar satisfaction to assure my p-r---m--t, who have ever shewn themselves ready to adopt measures tending to the common good, that I shall strictly observe and attend to the motions of other powers, and adhere to the engagements I am under, in order to the maintaining the balance of power, and the liberties of my subjects. For this purpose, you will ever find me forward in facilitating any measure that shall be concerted for our general safety ; and, with the assistance of my faithful p-r---m--t, have no doubt but we shall avert the dangers that may threaten us.

I continue to receive the most] amicable assurances of the pacific inclinations of the other powers in Europe.

GENTLEMEN of the H--E of C--MM--s,

I have ordered estimates to be prepared, and laid before you, of the supplies necessary for the ensuing year. It always gives me the greatest concern to be necessitated to ask any extraordinary aids of my people; but what I have already said will suggest to you sufficient reasons why some augmentations will be necessary, as well for defraying the expences already incurred, as for carrying on the present war with vigor, and preparing for events that may happen in this uncertain and perplexed state of Europe. I therefore place a strict confidence in your experienced zeal and regard for me and my government, your concern for your own safety, and the support of the common cause, to grant me such effectual supplies as may be requisite for those purposes.

My L--ds and GENTLEMEN,

I must beg leave to recommend to your serious consideration, as the chief directors, and leaders of the sentiments of my people at large, an unanimity in your councils and debates,

debates, as most likely to effectuate that desirable end, the putting a stop to the horrors of war, and establishing an honorable peace upon permanent and lasting grounds. The importance of this and other considerations is so apparent, that I need not use any arguments to urge the necessity of them.

His Majesty being retired, and the speech read by the Chancellor, Lord Campbell arose, and spoke to the following effect:

My Lords;

Totally incapable of delivering my sentiments, destitute of ideas for the present purpose, and feeling what is neither in my power or any one else to express or conceive; I am nevertheless prompted, in this non-entity of faculties, to move for an address to his Majesty, similar to the official copy* I hold in my hand; wherein it has been provided, to reply to the Speech paragraph by paragraph,

* Printed and subscribed T. H—n, printer of the London Gazette.

sentence

sentence by sentence, and section by section,
 to echo back the proper encomiums on
 M-n—rs; embellishing the whole with
 such additions, repetitions and improvements,
 as have been thought politic and necessary.
 In this state, escorted by the introduction of
 the several editors, compilers, revisors and
 correctors customary on the occasion, it is
 now offered for your L--d—ps consideration,
 'Tis my province, my hard lot, after three
 months recreation, and a total relaxation of
 my mental faculties, frequent flirtations, in-
 ordinate inebriations, affectionate amours,
 riots innumerable, quarrels excessive, chal-
 lenges many, connections illicit, adulteries
 abundant, annuities granting, and debts new
 contracting; in this confused, perplexed, and
 debilitated state of mind and body, this ex-
 uberancy of ignorance, sterility of ingenuity,
 dearth of common sense, and barrenness of
 reason, am I deputed to urge to you the pro-
 priety of this motion; for effectuating which
 arduous task, may I be permitted to call to
 my assistance a few Latin quotations, extracts,
 &c. as tending to beautify my observations,
 the force of which will not be in the least
 diminished

diminished from their not being understood by the deliverer.

I shall not take up your time by entering into an inquiry of the antiquity of the custom of addresses, as it is acknowledged on all sides to be reasonable, proper, and genteel; it is a mutual complaisance between k--g and p-r--m--t, an etiquette necessary to be kept up, and which an omission of would constitute us (what I abhor the idea of) an unfashionable p-r--m--t; a p-r--m--t, I repeat it again, destitute of the Graces, and very properly surnamed a Borish Assembly: a title, I assure myself, you will coincide with me in thinking totally inconsistent with that polished grace, that behaviour debonair, that essence, that quintessence of politesse your L--d--ps would ever wish to hold sacred.

Nil dictu fœdum visuque hæc limina tangat, intra quæ sunt pueri. The address proposed is replete with that elegance, which so much distinguishes your L--d--ps above the vulgar and ignorant class of mankind, in expressing the great regard you have for his M-j--y, and the implicit confidence you place in his chosen M-n--rs, whose experienced zeal for
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their own welfare hath brought us into this trying dilemma. It assents to every proposition made in the Speech, on the ground of preserving a decorum which contrary sentiments would not even induce your L--d---ps to break through; and introduces that truly admired English particle of complaisance, an affirmative, in so engaging a manner, that an admiration of your own language would alone produce your approbation of; and if any alteration should be found necessary in this truly exquisite and mechanical piece of workmanship, it would be in erasing the offer of our lives and fortunes; the first of which would (I beg leave to draw an inference from myself) be of very little service; and the second is founded upon a nullity-vociferate not, ye bagatelle opposition, for places. *Non cuivis homini contingit adire Corinthum.*

[Here he was called to order by the D—
of B—t—n.]

M-n---rs will escort you to an elysium, to a perfect paradise, *Sic itur ad astra*; they will introduce to you the frenchified mode, the mode de Paris, the tout ensemble, the graces,
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my L--ds, the graces---Why then is it the
rage to rail against M-n-----rs, 'tis become a
 very *Bore*, an absolute *Bore*: Let it not be
 said they have delayed the progress of the
 war; I reply not to such trifling observations,
Fabius cunctando restituit rem. But I am di-
 greffing from the subject; I have no great
 share of natural understanding. Unanimity
 is to be the bracelet of our councils; that,
 my L--ds, is to be caressed, that is to be
 aimed at, Concord and Unanimity. These
 were the grand tenets instilled in me by my
 grandmother; I boast of my female extrac-
 tion. After a minute investigation, I have
 discovered a great family secret, that she and
 I were correlatives, and inseparable by law as
 well as nature. *Dirime litem*. Your L--d---ps
 can translate it: You know the respect due to
 the female part of the creation. 'Twas this
 consideration that induced me to decline the
 Marquis de la Fayette's challenge; I felt the
 old lady's inclinations by instinct; my person
 was too sacred to be trusted in the hands
 of such a demagogue of rebellion. Your
 L--d---ps are well acquainted with my
 meaning. Ask me not to reply, or give rea-
 sons. Ignoramus---*Kαρίτες Kαρίτες*.

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Ch- f---d.

L--d Ch---f---d begged leave to give a *spring* to the *motion*; and as the necessity of it had been so learnedly *handled* by his noble leader, said he should *turn* his arguments in a very *narrow compass*. I am sorry (says his L--d---p) to see the *career* of opposition so great, as almost to *overturn* the *axle-tree* of government, by *clogging* the *wheels* of the *machine*, though the *reins* are in the hands of so able a *charioteer*; a *charioteer* who, by his golden *traces*, has kept his *nags* and *jockies* obedient to his will; a piece of *jockeyship*, I venture to bet five to one, * that will *win* the *plate* in all the *courses* in Europe. Follow their *tracks*, enter into their *harness*, and fear not to arrive at the wished-for *goal*. His L--d---p concluded with saying, he should be a *linch-pin* to the motion, which, he flattered himself, would take its *annual course*.

D--e of
R-chm--d.

The D--e of R-chm--d observed he had no time to recapitulate Latin orations, or beautifying quotations, but should content

* The D--n of W--tm--t--r took notes, with an intent, as it was supposed, to come in for his share with the Jew usurers, and secure the remnants of the loaves and fishes for divine consumption.

himself

himself with amusing his auditors in simple English : That the K--g's Speech was always in that House considered as the speech of the M-n----rs, and a sort of panegyric upon every thing they had done ; therefore he would venture to assert they ought to be particularly cautious of saying any thing that might imply a tacit approbation of their conduct. We sit here (exclaimed his Grace) to preserve the liberties of the people, to be a check upon m-n----rs, and to observe with a jealous eye, that the emoluments of office, places, &c. are not monopolized by one individual member, but that the balance of interest be properly kept up, and that none should receive more than his share ; that there should be no embezzlement of money, no concealment of treasure, for that, my L--ds, that is unconstitutional. I differ from the noble L--d who made the motion ; complaisance (to use his own expression) would be highly criminal, inconsistent with the freedom and independence of this assembly, and inconsistent with our dignity and honor. I am yet to be taught the complaisance of approving what I know nothing about, much less of what I from

thence violently suspect to be wrong. I have always had a suspicion of the works of darkness. Our ignorance and suspicions are good arguments against making compliments to m-n---rs; rather let us testify our duty and affection to his M-j---y, by demonstrating the truth, and intreating an inquiry into the state of the nation, not doubting but we shall discover treasons upon treasons, and misprisions of treasons without number. I do not pledge myself to your L--d---ps, that we shall prove them; but let us bring the charge, and let the accused extricate themselves by the best expedient they can. Inquiries are always of service, p-rl--m--t cannot spend their time better: witness the grand discoveries made in the Greenwich Hospital inquiry of the last session; never were three months better employed: I then did not pledge myself to your L--d---ps to prove mal-practices, but was only led to think so, because nobody in this House thought of it before me. By such cogent reasons were our forefathers induced to institute similar inquiries: I speak of the Decii, the Horatii, and the Brutusses, not to forget the luminaries of this age, the Americani.

cani. Discoveries were then made that produced the general thanks of all the nurses, widows, sempstresses, and old women in the kingdom, in terms expressive of their maternal regard for me and my offspring. For this purpose I have sketched out a motion, (by way of amendment to the address proposed) which, though it does not partake of the sublime, is nevertheless, as your L--d--ps will plainly discern, a motion of my own, made without any man's direction, tending to preserve that Palladium of our constitution, unrestrained liberty; to discover the iniquities of the Cabinet, and lay open to the world the whole of our internal strength, not doubting but it will be attended with advantages better conceived than expressed. It is this, my L--ds, that, after the usual thanks for the Speech from the T---e in the room of the present, I must call it frenchified address, the following simple, plain, and unperplexed English paragraphs be inserted, as the only probable method of saving this falling country.

*That you have with the greatest concern Am--m--t
observed, that the many attempts made by his proposed.
M-j--y to vindicate and maintain the dignity
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and honor of his crown and the rights of his people, have been frustrated by invisible causes, which your L--d---ps cannot but acknowledge has reluctantly created suspicions in your breasts, that the stamina of his advisers are polluted, and that they have attended more to their own private emolument than to the general good of his people; the truth of which is too manifestly testified by the swollen muscles and increasing corpulency of the T--f--y Bench.

That it is the result of your L--d---ps most mature consideration, that an enquiry into the state of the nation will, at this critical conjuncture, be of essential service; and that you are the more induced to set on foot an enquiry of this nature, from the good effects produced by one in a more confined line of the last year, whereby it was made manifest, to the astonishment of the whole world, that three yards of callico, when properly bisected, and divided into halves, quarters, ells, and nails, will go further (to use a technical expression) than two yards and a half.

For this purpose, that your L--d---ps implore his M-j---y's most gracious assistance, in directing the proper implements of information to be laid before you, viz, imprimis, an exact detail and particular

particular account of the depredations committed by the French and Spaniards, the number of ships and quantity of effects seized since the commencement of the present war; together with faithful copies of the private directions sent to the commanders of the several squadrons; not omitting exact transcripts of every scroll of paper, pro and con, that has passed to and from the Adm—y Office the last summer, and every particular relative to the marine department. Secundo, The net admeasurement of yards, halves, quarters, ells, and nails of canvas, used for the several marquees during the last summer's encampment; estimates and valuations of the respective ministerial upholders, camp-equipage makers, &c. and signed copies of the several contractors accounts for furnishing the same, errors not excepted; the particular number of shoes, stockings, hats, shirts, (with or without flaps) coats, waistcoats and breeches, used by the military for the last six months, with the prices annexed, and the net profits arising to the captains of the several companies from those soldiers whom the heat of the weather compelled to wear no breeches at all. Tertio, A succinct account of the several pensions upon our own and the Irish establishment, the profits

profits of the places held under government, and the ages, state of mind and body, illustrated with the lives, memoirs, births, parentage, and education of the present occupants. And, lastly, An explicit and enlarged delineation of the extension and contraction of the muscles of the respective members of the Cabinet, on the arrival of the late news from the Grenades; the dimensions of their physiognomies taken obliquely, horizontally, and perpendicularly; the sentiments expressed or implied of his M-j---y and counsellors thereon; concluding with a plan and schedule annexed of the land and marine forces of all the powers in Europe, the destination of their respective fleets, and their friendly or inimical dispositions, under hand and seal, (for I pay no regard to the word of princes) towards this country.

*That however arduous a task a strict scrutiny into the matters aforesaid may turn out, your L--d---ps assure his M-j---y of your strict attention, both by day and night, birthdays and holidays, Sundays and working-days, in investigating the same, and proving by incontestible rational proofs, parole evidence, and consequential conclusions, that the affairs of this petit issand
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are in a very wrong channel; and that whilst the present m——rs are the aqueducts and receptacles of the profits of office, they will ever meet with such an opposition, as totally to prevent their being brought to a happy conclusion.

Assist this motion, ye Bench destitute of reverence! Ye, whose anti-adulterous sleeves are gored with American blood, and whose purple should be converted into sackcloth, (I will not press ashes upon ye) succour this motion! List not to those who, having brought the national bark into the midst of a storm, and nearly struck her upon a rock, are nevertheless resolved to continue at the helm till the shipwreck is completed. But I am digressing from my general course of oratory; I approach at sublimity, totally inconsistent with the natural plainness and simplicity of a British senator: I wish to confine myself within your L--d---ps capacities. 'Twas with the greatest concern I heard the language held out to us in the speech of this day. Can harmony be expected amongst such an inharmonious assembly? Rebellion, like a double-headed hydra, is now expanding its pernicious jaws in every

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corner of the kingdom ; the metropolis itself is not free from it. I speak from authority. Curiosity led me to be an eye-witness of the city procession on a late annual occasion ; the bands were drawn up, the brawny aldermen coached, and the whole body nearly prepared to march, when (as your L--d---ps know I am seldom a silent spectator) taking the foremost aside, and explaining the simple tendency of my arguments, and the honest zeal for my country's good, I exhorted them in the most pathetic manner to turn their march towards the Palace, there to request of the T——e to extricate them from their difficulties and dangers, and from the jaws of perdition ; and if that failed, to make use of their last resource to support expiring Liberty. I argued the great and urgent necessity of such a procedure from the ignominy they sustained in bearing arms without flints, and cartouch boxes without powder ; not forgetting the imprisonment of the printer, and curtailing the shirts of the invalids at Greenwich Hospital. The latter argument prevailed ; they applied the parallel to themselves, and the herald offered to be second in command.

mand. I myself had nearly taken the lead, when the sight of the standard at Temple-bar, and a fear of being exalted as a weather-cock to posterity, caused a total stagnation of my blood, my limbs lost their motion, and I was hurried away by the crowd in a perfect trance: so near the heart of the kingdom is rebellion arrived, and such was the inclination of that venerable and compound body to revolt. I have given your L--d---ps the account verbatim, that the best and most innocent intentions may not be perverted by mis-representation of facts. I know how susceptible the most impartial mind is of prejudice when artfully instilled, and doubt not but your L--d---ps will make a proper use of this information, and assent to the amendment.

His G---e was followed by L--d D-rby, ^{L--d}_{D-rby.} who (allowing his fertile genius its full scope for invention, and the consequent elegant digressions) confined himself within the subject of debate more than we recollect to have heard him upon former occasions. His L--d---p took a retrospect view of American

affairs from the commencement of hostilities to the present period; reconnoitred with real military skill (acquired, as he assured the H—e, by lessons from his drill-serjeant) the several engagements had between the respective armies during that space of time; and here he took occasion to observe, that the memorability of the feats performed by his illustrious cousin at Saratoga, his nice delicacy and refined reluctance about fulfilling his engagements, together with the subsequent conversion wrought upon the minds of his relations thereon, would ever reflect honor upon the British nation. He painted in the strongest colours the low state of the public funds, the decay of national credit, and great scarcity of money in every corner of the kingdom, which he thought he could not better illustrate than by assuring the H---e that his life annuities were sunk to four years purchase, and that the credit of post obits was entirely gone; nay, if he may advance a paradox, he had even been told his future grants were to sink to three years and a half, from an ideal notion that his constitution was rotten; an information he held himself bound to

to lay before the H—e, as it might very fairly be inferred, that a suspicion of a national decay might be attended with similar, and, perhaps, equally ill-grounded consequences. He next proceeded to remark the great concern he felt in considering the depravity of human nature, and the great defects in the formation of the mundane system; but more particularly he lamented how little the female part of the creation partook of that slender portion of sublimity he himself was possessed of, the truth of which the multiplicity of divorces during the present reign too manifestly testified; that this was a matter he felt himself very particularly interested in; and that therefore, as the inquiry proposed by the am—nd—t was likely to be finished in the short space of a quarter of a year, he grasped that opportunity of acquainting their L—d—ps that he should on that day three months move the H—e to enter into an inquiry into the cause of adultery, and for copies of the evidence produced upon the several divorce bills since the year 1749: that he assured himself of success in so laudable an undertaking, from a conviction that
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the majority of their L--d---ps would feel themselves very closely connected with the grand object of the bill, not to mention the great assistance he should receive from the Rev^d. Bench opposite him, whose futile attempts at a reformation of manners were too well known to require any illustration upon: That the inquiry he should have the honor to propose might possibly be spun out to the end of the session, when he was assured the satisfaction their consciences would receive from having suppressed so growing an evil, would be a sufficient inducement for them to turn their thoughts towards planning, during the recess, inquiries of a similar tendency for the succeeding session: That for these weighty reasons, and the implicit confidence he always placed in his noble friends motions, he should give his vote for the amendm--t.

L---d
C.nc--l-r.

The L--d C--nc--l-r had very pregnant reasons for voting with Adm---n, reasons which a proficiency in the laws of policy and common assurance taught him to keep secret: That the success of their councils, in a great measure, depended upon the secrecy with which

which they were performed: That the conduct of opposition, *ab initio*, carried with it the seeds of abuse, which had ripened more and more into maturity every day: That that court was the ultimate seat of power, the court of dernier appeal, and the regulator and director of every subordinate department: That as the leader of a phalanx, he had a competent jurisdiction to reprobate the manœuvres of the opponent party in very severe terms, who had debauched the minds of the people by the vilest insinuations faction could suggest; M-j---y, nay even he himself, had been attacked: That if m-n---rs had been deficient in any part of their duty, it was in the indulgence they had shewn to that spirit of licentiousness and defamation which had gone abroad, an indulgence deriving its source from a tenderness of liberty: That if our credit run low abroad, he had very presumptive reasons to conclude that it arose from the arts of a discontented faction: That upon the first blush of the Am—dm--t proposed, (copious as it was) abstracted from any other consequential adulterous inquiries, he must confess it appeared in itself simple; but that,

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as it might tend to other questions which might be dangerous, he wished to see the whole of those component parts, and what they might lead to, before he gave his consent to it : That after all the defamatory libels industriously propagated through all parts of the kingdom ; after every attempt to eradicate the liberties of England, which he held to be paramount to those of France, hatched by ambition, and nurtured by private interest and revenge, he had had the satisfaction of reporting many dutiful and loyal addressees to the T——e from different quarters of the kingdom ; amongst which he more particularly commended a passage in that of the inhabitants of Guernsey, wherein they had given a most picturesque description of the lawless festivity of a French banditti on the day of the Spanish declaration in their favor.

“ In that day of their insolence, they shut up their Exchanges, to consecrate it as a day of festivity ; but the great God of battles, who loveth justice, and hateth iniquity, has turned their exultation into sorrow, and their schemes of rapine and wealth into disappointment and bankruptcy, this mean and wicked alliance with the demagogues

demagogues of rebellion." His L--d---p assured the H---e the sentiments of that religious set of men were, *ab imo*, so concurrent with his own, that he could not but admire the peculiarly energetic and very cogent term of *the God of battles* introduced in this orthodox address; and concluded with saying, he should be one of the first in Adm-----n to join with the right reverend Bench in offering up his prayers, accompanied with fasting and divine abstinence, to his Creator, to avert his heavy judgments from this perverse and wicked generation.*

L--d Ab--d--n. My rising upon this L---d
 occasion is, perhaps, one of the most flagrant Ab--d--n.
 instances of abuse and virulence this age has seen. I meant to have sat down motionless in these regions of iniquity, this execrated House of mourning, and to have permitted the sons of infidelity to continue their rapid progress to destruction unmolested; but the cries of Englishmen, in the last agonies of their liberty, have instigated me to stand

* A general groan amongst the lawn sleeves, and the bar cleared for unmannerly behavior.

forth the Don Quixote of Europe, to dispel the clouds of darkness and perdition impending over us, by cautioning the wary travellers in this august assembly against being led as pilgrims into such dangerous and uncertain paths. I have the satisfaction of being conscious never to have been so determinately attached to the vortex of opposition, after prudential motives directed a contrary mode of conduct. The modesty of those abandoned wretches called m-n-----rs arises from a consciousness of guilt, not a consciousness of merit: offer not incense to them, but rather expiate your crimes, and make atonement to your country, by giving up your places, obtained by corruption, to the virtuous opposition; place me at the helm; let the intrepid B—lt—n preside over the Admiralty; and R—chm—d, the humane R—chm—d, be director general of the hospitals, and sole patentee of shirts with long tails; let F—x be financier, orator D—nn—g attorney general, D—rb—y commander in chief of the forces, and Sh—e master of the household: let the rest of our immaculate party fill the several other departments, that England may shew her pristine splendor,

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by convincing the world that she is equally great when a province of France, as when, in her present state, dependent upon herself: Then shall the wished-for *Io triumphæ* resound upon the Gallic shores, and pœans resonate through every corner of this kingdom; then shall the hydra of corruption be banished from the realm, and the chaos of illuminated iniquity shine forth with double lustre. Need I remind you of the Revolution, that glorious æra, when England presented a scene of riot and confusion; those were the times I wish to have lived in; in those times an Ab--d--n would have been deified, and a requiem for the soul and quick departure of a K--pp--l been sung every morning before breakfast. Those were the times I wish to bring about again, and have little doubt but a second address to the people of England, and an affirmative voice to the am--dm--t proposed, will effectuate it. *Latet anguis in herba.*

The E--l of B-----ll wished to know how E--l of long m-n-----rs would like to lie in sheets B-----ll too short for their beds, or to wear shirts so E a much

much curtailed, as not to tuck into their breeches; begged leave to assure the H---e he had no antipathy against m-n----rs, much less against their places; therefore felt himself particularly agitated at the repeated refusals he had met with on offering his services. "I have been bred up in the navy, a school where the seeds of honor and generosity are more deeply implanted than in any other professional set of men in the universe; thence I expect greater credit to be given to my informations than to the legal quibbles of the noble L--d on the woollfack, whose professional credit alone should be a sufficient obstruction to their having weight with your L--d---ps. How long are we to remain in the dark? and when is the secret embassy of Commodore J--n----e to be made public? Oft have I taken a survey of the several L--ds in this H---e, and discovered different passions, different interests, and different views. To the noble L--ds in adm-----n may be ascribed the most heinous crime of secrecy, and long continuance in office, added to a most culpable neglect of the anti-min---l side of the H---e, when we have had the
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pleasure of first promulgating the intelligence of the approaching lamentable decay of this country : Such will be the fate, I doubt not, the intelligence I have the honor to communicate to your L--d---ps at this alarming crisis will meet with ; intelligence, the simple relation of which alone should make the walls of this H---e shudder, that the French army near Gravelline, Boulogne, Sur le Mer, Dunkirk, and other parts of the French coasts, have been increased near 10,000 men, now ready for embarkation, to invade this country. To repel this impending ruin, prompted by the usual motives, and supported by the concomitant advantages, I once more offer my personal services, though contrary to the express directions of my physician, and repeated admonitions from my domestic chaplain ; which should m-n-----s dare to refuse, I henceforth resolve to retire to my country seat, and spend the remainder of my life in prayers and supplications for their eternal damnation.

L--d S--d---h found it was become the L---d
 fashion for the opposite side of the H---e to S--d--h.
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held him forth as the subject of their raillery and abuse; therefore only held himself bound to contradict the intelligence communicated from very *laudable motives* by the noble E--l who spoke last, and which he had the happiness of being able to do by a letter he had just received from Captain Boteler, late commander of the Ardent, who had it from his fourth lieutenant, and which said lieutenant received it from a midshipman, (a man of undoubted veracity) that the French troops had quitted the coasts, and betaken themselves to winter quarters.

D--e of
Ch ---s.

The D--e of Ch-----s was surprised L--ds should teaze and perplex his M-j---y's m-n----rs with such frivolous information; and averred that he was independent of every L--d in adm-----n; had asked three times for the mastership of the horse, twice to be groom of the stole, and once for almost every place that had been vacant for the last six years; all of which had been refused him, that he might the better support his independency; conduct worthy of imitation by the whole world.

L--d

L--d Sh-----e wished that the inquiry L-----d
 proposed might not be confined within bounds Sh-----e
 or limits; the necessity of the state required
 a general scrutiny into its most secret recesses;
 extortion and imposition had crept into every
 office and department where Gov---m---t had
 the most distant connections. Let the exor-
 bitant demand for a passport from the sec---y
 of st--e's office demand your L--d---ps pri-
 mary attention.

Next take a view of that treasury of ini-
 quity, where the man, (I beg pardon of the
 human species) the *lusus naturæ*, presides,
 whose life has so long impeded the execution
 of our darling designs.

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Neither let the Ad—lty Office escape
your L--d---ps obfervation, where petticoat
intereft has double prevalence over fhort
jackets and trowfers

Then animadvert to the receipt of the
Exchequer, where the before curfed amphi-
bious being has the fole direction.

In fine, let the War-office, Victualling-office, Paymaster General's office, office of Ordnance, hospitals of every denomination, the Asylum, London Workhouse, and Westminster Infirmary, all undergo a most rigid scrutiny and inspection, that the halt, the blind, the aged and necessitous, may equally feel the good effects of our inquiries, and be rescued out of the hands of extortion and deceit: thus, my L--ds, will ye immortalize yourselves, and be transmitted sacred to posterity. L--ds who are fond of parallels may compare the illustrious Chatham to me: *Sic parvis componere magna solebam*. To relieve the afflicted was a faculty Providence had lavishly endowed him with; I feel myself equally well inclined. 'Twas his province to seek for objects whereon to bestow his munificence; this is also my employment. 'Twas his happiness to raise his country superior to itself; mine, equally laudable, to

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link it into the contrary extreme. In him were centrally placed all the social virtues ; in me are socially centered faculties of the opposite nature.

His L--d---p here entered into an anatomical view of the analysis of the frame of his departed friend, subjoining similes and comparisons to the end of every section, the force of which, in an allegorical sense, seemed to be universally allowed. To follow him through every maze of argument he run into, would (if we may judge from the yawnings, coughs, hums, and snores, which were now become very prevalent in most parts of the H---e) be deemed tedious and unnecessary by our readers: We shall therefore omit the remainder of this noble L--d's oration, briefly observing that it contained a tender of his services to the S-v-r---n on the usual terms, enforced and recommended by the great advantages promised to accrue from the discovery of several new taxes to be raised without any apparent loss to the subject; an offer which the L--ds on the opposite side of the H---e did not appear much inclined to accept.

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L--d Amh---t felt himself somewhat in-^{L---d}
 terested in the inquiry proposed by the^{Amh---t.}
 am--dm--t; and therefore, as he was no
 friend to secrecy, said he would satisfy the
 noble D--e who moved it, with the most
 ample information of what came immediately
 within his cognizance, and which was chiefly
 confined to the several encampments during
 last summer: That, excepting a fall of near
 two thousand bastard children, (which he
 held to be for the good of the service) the
 greatest order and discipline had been ob-
 served, as well amongst the officers as pri-
 vates, to the former of whom great thanks
 were due for their unwearied attention in
 manœuvring their several companies in an
 entirely new mathematical way, deduced
 from the study of problems in Euclid's Ele-
 ments, which, the more they endeavoured
 to solve, the more they were merged into
 difficulties; a plan he the more approved of,
 from its near approach to the American mode
 of bush-fighting; not to forget the great
 proficiency acquired in S-r G----e Col---r's
 new-invented method of making *desultory*
irrvasions, and *posting flèche's to support the*
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picquet. "Who (continued his L--d---p) could view with a military eye the easy unlapelled air of the officers in the light infantry companies, but with admiration? The peculiar regimental stiffness of their tails when in full uniform, together with the debonair ideas conveyed to the beholder on surveying their drop boots, equally claim your L--d---ps attention; not omitting their very commendable negligence and great zeal for their country's good, in entering into the service without stipulation of rank or half pay. And being able to give so good a report of the respectable set of men in my department, 'tis difficult to persuade myself that the several objections taken and more particularly stated in the am--dm--t, are not equally groundless and ill-founded. But not wishing it to be understood that I hold myself sufficiently comprehensive to judge of extraneous matters, I shall put a negative to the am-nd---t, as *ex parte* founded upon a mere suspicion of grievances, which do not, *re ipsâ*, exist.

E--l B-th---t now arose, and endeavour-^{E---l}
 ing to suppress a torrent of tears, (which^{B-th-t.}
 the picturesque description of the fall of this
 kingdom, given by the noble D--e who
 moved, seemed to have created) bewailed
 his incapability to prevent the weakness of
 human nature taking place, when such la-
 mentable and moving scenes were presented
 to him; lamented that the credulity gene-
 rally attending weak minds had taken such
 quick and deep root in him, as nearly to
 overturn the sentiments he before entertain-
 ed; nay, so great was the contest in his
 own breast, that it required much military
 skill (and more than he pretended to be
 master of) to marshal his thoughts in such
 a way, that each side of the question might
 have its due weight: till at length (wiping
 his eyes, altering the position of his wig,
 and summing up all his resolution) he
 begged noble L--ds to recollect that he
 had had the seals many years, during which
 time his secretaries and clerks could vouch
 for him that he had not pocketted, *ex officio*,
 one single shilling; nay, *e contra*, he had been
 so harrassed with petitions of divers natures,
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which the aforesaid human weakness had induced him to pay attention to, that, upon drawing out a fair account-current, debtor and creditor, between C—nc—r and the Public, he found the latter to be considerably indebted to him; therefore intreated the noble E—l who spoke last but two, to spare him in his nocturnal execrations; that the suspicion of being addicted to a vice gave him more concern than the actual commission of it; therefore hoped that the intoxicated ideas of his ancestors might not be imputed to him; being convinced that, excepting a few nasal blotches, no traces of his forefathers could be discerned in him: his conduct had been uniform; and to curse him in his old age was cruel, unmanly, and more than his mortal frame could bear.*

D—e of
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The D—e of B—lt—n expressed his surprize that m—n—rs should assume so consequential a silence, when the very existence of this country was at stake; and animadverted, with some degree of warmth, upon their intellectual

* A flood of tears bursting forth, prevented his L—d—p's speaking to the question, which we had reason to think (if we may judge from the prefatory part of his speech, and the oratorical turn of his wig) he meant to have entered into very fully.

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incapacities and m-n--t----l incapacibilities; professed a similarity of feelings with the noble E--l who spoke last in the debate, on hearing that the English fleet had cowardly fled from their enemies, who, to the shame of m-n----rs, were they not callous to every shameful sentiment, be it spoken, had rode triumphant in the British channel. "Who (continued his G---e) could view with a seaman's eye the rotten bottoms of S-r C---s H---y's fleet, but with horror and abhorrence? nay, so great was my detestation of the culpable neglect of the first L--d of the Adm---y, that during my stay at Portsmouth, willing and desirous to relate this rotten intelligence to your L--d---ps, I took a most accurate survey of every ship of the line, and bore with Christian patience the hearty curses of every tar in the service for my extra-official interference. The last returns, my L--ds, of the sick at Haslar Hospital and Forton Prison (which they have pitifully been compelled to convert into an hospital) were 4400 sick, 500 lame, and 270 (who had lost their legs or arms in the service) dismissed, as incapable of serving his M-j---y. 'Tis difficult to convey to your L--d---ps the multiplicity of lame ideas conceived by myself

self on the first starting of the latter motley crew from the hospital. I might be jocular in the relation of their limping movements, did not a respect for the service (which I have ever held in the highest estimation, but which, I must confess, has not been so reciprocal as I might have expected) repel every risible inclination. Suffice it *for me* to say, that they were loud in their exclamations against the Board of Adm---y, and all its appendants. The news of the arrival of the combined fleets, and the respect due to foreigners *upon that occasion*, induced me to pay a visit to Plymouth also this last summer, intending to congratulate my salt-water acquaintance upon their arrival. In this I was providentially disappointed; providentially, I say, because no thanks are due to m-n---rs for this fortunate escape. The propinquity of *their* fleet, and *my* natural timidity of the consequences of an invasion, urged me to sketch out articles of capitulation, for the preservation of myself and cattle, and which (as I have reason to think many will be inclined to follow so good an example in, should it hereafter be found necessary) I shall read to your L---d---ps as a precedent proper to be pursued, viz.

Articles

Articles of capitulation entered into this first day of the landing of the French and Spanish troops upon the English coast, between Count de Orvilliers, commander of the united fleets of France and Spain, and acknowledged sovereign of the seas, of the one part; and H---y D---e of B---lt---n, vice-admiral of the counties of South-----n and D---f-t, an admiral of the Blue Squadron in the British fleet, sole leader and director of the feu de joyes and illuminations of the last year, patentee of the Keppell garters, and encourager of every internal riot and confusion, for many years past, of the other part.

“First, The said Count, in the name of his Most Christian Majesty, in consideration of the very essential services performed by the said D---e, in concert with others our most faithful

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friends in the several British H-----s of L---ds and C---m---s, doth hereby agree to protect him, the said D--e, his horses, carts and carriages, lands, messuages and tenements, wife or wives, (lawful or unlawful, as the case may be) child or children, dogs, cats and servants, and all other his household, of what kind or denomination soever, from all damage, harm or loss to be sustained or received by any of our marine or military forces, or any other the subjects of his Most Christian Majesty.

“Secondly, The said D--e, in consideration, and by way of return for the protection aforesaid, doth hereby discharge and release Monsieur de Sartine, minister to his said Christian M---y, his successors and assigns, of and from all verbal promises, assurances, and engagements, of subsidies, supplies, secret service money, or other pecuniary donations made by the said minister for the manifold merit, great humanity, and charitable disposition the said D---e more particularly displayed in his aid, succour and assistance, administered to the ever memorable John the Painter, and others the enlightened subjects of his Britannic M-j---y.

Thirdly,

“Thirdly, The said Count considering, and humanely providing for the natural timidity of the said D--e, as by the duplicity of several of his private letters most manifestly appears, doth hereby further promise and agree, that all and every the subjects of his said Christian Majesty shall, upon their approach to the said D--e, or any of his family, (who, it is supposed, partake of the same timorous disposition) carry and demean themselves in the form following; that is to say, all officers with their swords sheathed; privates having their bayonets unfixed, the muzzles of their guns inclining downwards; pioneers with their axes slung, and in every other respect manœuvring their deportments as to one strictly allied to his Most Christian Majesty.

“And, lastly, for effectuating the premisses, the said Count doth hereby engage to publish proclamations, notifying his aforesaid humane intentions throughout all and singular the boroughs, counties, cities and towns, in all and every the Anglo-Gallic dominions; and furthermore, to recommend the aforesaid D--e to his Most Christian Majesty, as a fit and proper emissary to stir up a rebellion in the Spanish colonies in South-America.”

Such, my L--ds, was my ambidexter foresight and precaution, and for which I confess myself indebted to the author of a pamphlet intitled Anticipation. Desperate diseases require desperate remedies, which remedies have double weight when administered by way of anticipating the disease. I shall not trouble this H---e with an account of the state of Plymouth at the time the combined fleets were masters of the channel, that being intended by a learned friend of mine for this day's discussion in the lower H---e; but, as further evidence of the imbecillity of m-n----rs, shall refer you to the Gazette account of the capture of the Serapis, and destruction of the Quebec.

And having thus stated very fully the weakness and incapacity of m-n----rs, I shall briefly urge to you the propriety of making the changes pointed out by a noble E--l, by observing that I have a real patriotic zeal for my country's welfare, flowing from a heart replete with the most generous principles; that I shall henceforward wave all political animosities; and that, though I could say much more in disparagement of the present m-n----rs, founded
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upon facts not to be controverted, I shall nevertheless be instigated by prudential motives to sit quiet for the remainder of the session, hoping that it will produce the desired effect.

The E--l of E--ff--h-m, begun with ob-^{E--l of}
^{E--ff-h-m.} serving, that Providence had been sufficiently cruel in compelling him to survive his own destruction, but to survive his country's ruin was something more than cruel; and proceeding to inform the H---e that a resignation of his commission, to prevent the spilling American blood, did not imply similar inclinations towards the French, he was interrupted by a general clamour from all sides of the H---e for the question, which being put, the original address was carried by a majority of 60 to 22. The Marq--s of R-ck--g--m, L--d C-md-n, D--e of P--tl--d, E--l of Sc--b--h, D--e of M-nch--t-r, and E--l of R-dn-r, bore a part in the above debate; but their speeches being nearly a repetition of what fell from the D---e of R-chm--d and the minority L--ds, we do not think it necessary to retail them.

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The Editor begs leave to sympathize with his readers in commiserating the lamentable situation of his country, when men of the first consequence in point of family and fortune will so far lose sight of the public welfare, as to content themselves with throwing out, in the grand council of the nation, personal invectives, thereby endeavouring to create murmurs and discontent amongst the people, instead of encouraging what his M-j---y so properly recommends in his speech, and is so much to be wished for, concord and unanimity. An impartial observer cannot but condemn this line of conduct, on reflecting that the greater part of the speakers in the above debate have continued the same uninterrupted scene for many years past. The Editor would pay too high a compliment to his own judgement, was he to date the origin of our calamities to the inflammatory debates of the two H----s of P-rl--m--t, and therefore leaves it to the discerning Public to make such comments on the above debate as the general tenor of the arguments referred to shall produce: At the same time begs leave to congratulate

gratulate them on his incapability to anticipate a more fortunate circumstance than the comfort and satisfaction they may ever expect to enjoy, whilst they have a K——g upon the T——e whose sole pleasure consists in promoting the interest and prosperity of his people.

The Editor was proceeding to make further remarks on the above debate, when his attention was called to a motion made by the E--l of R-dn-r for the immediate apprehension of the author and publisher of a most iniquitous pamphlet intitled ANTICIPATION CONTINUED, setting forth the supposed speeches of several L——ds in that H——e, many of whom, he would venture to assert, had never entertained one single idea of oratory from their infancy: That to put speeches into the mouths of L—ds who had never professed any rhetorical inclinations, was such a breach of privilege, as demanded their L--d---ps most serious attention; and that

that as their L--d---ps had at his instance, and of *their great wisdom*, thought proper to imprison a printer during the last session, the exercise of which power had always had a good effect, so he was of opinion that the commitment of both author and publisher would be attended with double good consequences: That the author of a similar publication last year had, through the clemency of the lower H---e, escaped the punishment his crimes so justly merited; but that the pamphlet in question was attended with still more aggravating circumstances. He argued that the word *continued* conveyed a most hearty contempt of the power and authority of that H---e individually and collectively, not to say that the contents were of a much more evil tendency.

For these weighty reasons, he humbly moved that the author or authors, whether He or She; publisher or publishers of the aforesaid libellous pamphlet intitled *Anticipation Continued*, be summoned by the usher of the Black Rod to attend that H---e on the morrow, there to answer such interrogatories as shall be
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put to him, her, or them; and further, to abide by such order and direction as to their L--d---ps, of their great wisdom, should seem meet and proper.

The above motion being seconded by E--l B-th---t, (who was by this time nearly recovered) adding also, that he held it to be a *motion of course*, and it being ordered accordingly, the Editor, feeling himself somewhat interested in the event, immediately hurried into the city, where he had the satisfaction of meeting, under a magisterial gown, succour and protection from all legal authority whatsoever,

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